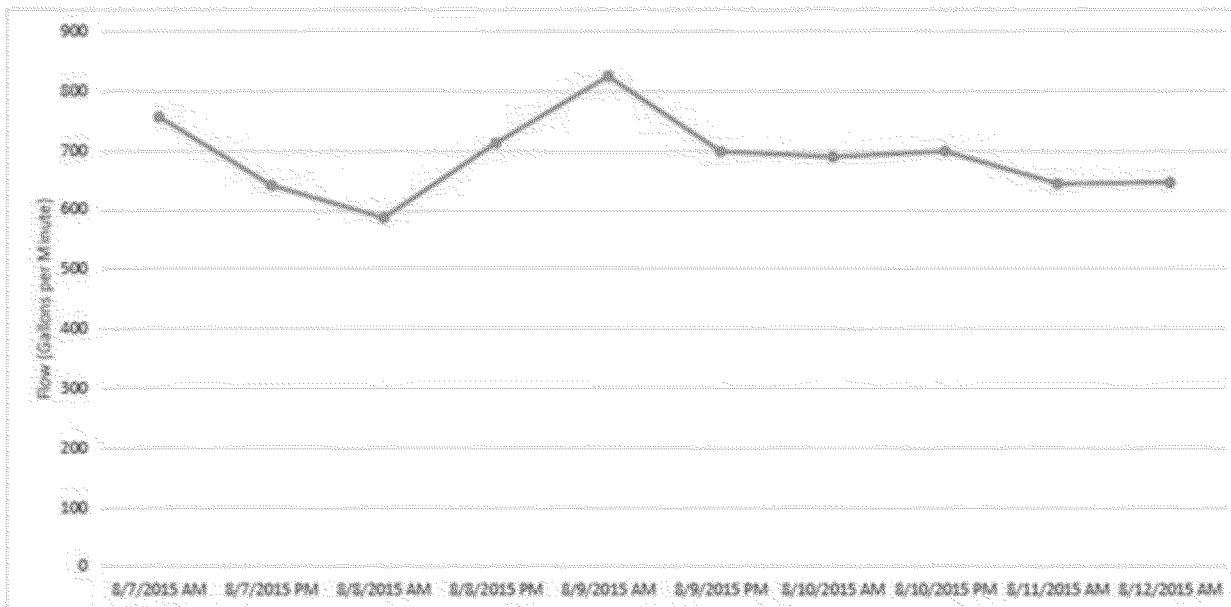


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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
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**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Re-cap

I'm still looking for a specific figure on discharge rate but this was in the most recent Sitrep.

The EPA continues to operate four treatment and sedimentation ponds at the mine site which are treating water by lowering acidity levels and removing dissolved metals. Flow from the mine through the morning of 8/12/2015 is shown in the following chart. **As of 11 am on 8/13/2015, there was no available updated water discharge data available.**



Treated water from the last treatment pond is discharging into Cement Creek at levels cleaner (higher pH and lower levels of metals) than pre-event, background conditions in the creek. Flow data out of the mine is being collected manually two times per day. Water quality data is being collected at the influent and effluent of the treatment system as well.

Will continue to look for more detail and send you whatever I find.

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Thanks Laura.

One item I wanted to confirm.

The AP reports: "One week after the spill, the EPA said runoff had returned to its normal levels of about 213 gallons per minute."

Is this true? I had not seen this in any releases, perhaps I missed it.

Thank you.

Julie

On Thu, Aug 13, 2015 at 2:31 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:



For folks covering the Gold King mine incident, we wanted to pass along a re-cap of Administrator McCarthy's Colorado visit yesterday and what today looks like.

McCarthy started her day yesterday with a meeting with Colorado Gov. Hickenlooper and Sen. Bennett. Over the course of the day she also spoke with Sen. Udall, Rep. Tipton, and Rep. Kirkpatrick. She also met with Rep. Lujan and toured a water sampling facility in Farmington, NM.

McCarthy also attended a briefing at the Unified EPA Area Command, visited with staff, and hosted a press briefing yesterday afternoon.

Last night EPA released from Aug. 5-9, which shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-event water quality levels.

Regarding irrigation, EPA issued a \$500,000 work assignment on Monday for the delivery of water for irrigation and livestock in New Mexico. This service was previously being provided by San Juan County, NM and we are making deliveries. We understand the importance of the irrigation systems and are providing data to local jurisdictions to make informed decisions.

EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.

Data, trends and map here:<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-colorado-data-gold-king-mine-release>

Today, McCarthy began her day with a meeting with Navajo Nation President Begaye and his leadership team. This included a tour through the Navajo Nation and survey of the San Juan River.

McCarthy will also visit the Farmington, NM Incident Command Center, host a press availability, meet with officials from the San Juan Water Commission, and visit the Aztec Emergency Response Center.

We are working on audio and a readout from the press availability for those who can't attend in person.

Hope this is helpful for your coverage.

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